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Applicants: De Francesco, R. *et al.*

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For: METHOD FOR REPRODUCING IN VITRO
THE RNA-DEPENDENT RNA
POLYMERASE AND TERMINAL
NUCLEOTIDYL TRANSFERASE
ACTIVITIES ENCODED BY HEPATITIS C
VIRUS (HCV)

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the office action mailed August 13, 2004, please amend the above-identified as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.

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